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REMARKS

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1. On 4 October 1950 the Luftwaffen Kaserne on Schoenwalderstrasse, Bernau (N 53/2 96), was only lightly occupied. Gate guards wore tank insignia. The troops from the installation were still in the Tempolin maneuver area.

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* [] Comment. [] the installation to have been occupied by 150 troops, allegedly belonging to an advance unit, in mid-September 1950. [] The units from Bernau are believed to have started returning to their home station in mid-October 1950.

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** [] belongs to the main clothing depot of the GOM in Bernau, which was previously confirmed there until 17 October 1950.

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*** [] Comment. In World War II a 676th How Arty Regt, [] belonged to the 232d Rifle Div which was identified in Hungary at the end of the war. It is believed that the division was deactivated after the war, with cadre units going to the Far East and some units being reassigned to other divisions. It therefore is conceivable that the 676th How Arty Regt may have been reassigned to the VI Gds Mecz Corps, the present 6th Gds Mecz Div. This assumption has been strengthened by the identification of

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[] the Luftnachrichten Kaserne, Bernau. The observation of sixteen and twenty-four 120-mm guns in the Luftnachrichten Kaserne in the summer of 1949 also indicated that the howitzer artillery regiment of the 6th Gds Mecz Div is stationed there. []

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It was previously assumed that the 6th Gds Mecz Div included a 51st Gds AT Arty Regt which, upon the deactivation of the AT artillery regiments with the mechanized divisions, was believed to have been reorganized into the howitzer artillery regiment of the division and to have retained its numerical designation 51. Since this assumption has not been substantiated, the 676th How Arty Regt, [] is now carried as the artillery regiment of the 6th Gds Mecz Div in Bernau. The last date of identification of this regiment is 5 January 1950. [] was previously reported from the Finow area. [] the Hq 6th Gds Mecz Div in Bernau, which was previously confirmed there prior to 16 September 1950. [] the Luftnachrichten Kaserne, Bernau, and was mentioned in reports from the [] Bach near Berlin.

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